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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BRENDLSON ET AL.

Examiner

Lee Lum

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-9 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 10-14 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 December 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. An Election without traverse was filed 7/6/04 in which Claims 10-19 were elected, and Claims 1-9 cancelled.
2. The drawings are objected to because in figs 5, 7, 9, and 11, the crosssectional views of the resilient members should be depicted by heavy diagonal lines. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.
3. The disclosure is objected to because in Claim 10, line 8, "second engine interface" lacks antecedent basis.
4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

As best understood, **Claims 15, 18 and 19** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Thompson 6547207.

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As best understood, Thompson discloses a mount assembly in fig 11 for resiliently mounting engine 30 to motorcycle 5,

Cylindrical resilient mount 100 including

Rigid plate 120 defining an aperture 122,

Rigid flange 130 with annular portion (unidentified), and cylindrical portion (unidentified) extending from the former,

First volume of resilient material (thicker portion) extending between the plate and annular portion, and having a cylindrical inner surface, and

Second volume of material (thinner portion adjacent flange 130) extending radially inwardly from the cylindrical portion,

Wherein at least a portion of the second volume extends radially inwardly beyond the inner surface of the first volume,

Mounting shaft 40 extending through the aperture, and,

Contacting the second volume of material (as best understood),

5. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

a. **Claims 10-14 are allowable.** Prior art does not disclose a mount assembly for a engine in a motorcycle, the novel features comprising

first and second resilient mounts, each having a frame interface that engages a frame surface, and an engine interface that engages an engine surface, and,

a preload bracket removably coupled to the frame, and with a surface that engages the second frame interface, and axially compresses the two mounts.

b. **Claims 16 and 17** are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Prior art does not disclose the mounting assembly described above, and having the second volume of the mount as including a inner rib.

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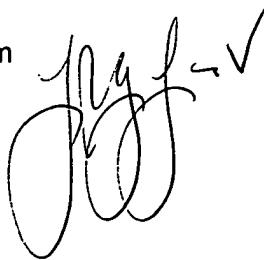
6. The prior art made of record, and not relied upon, is considered pertinent to the disclosure: Porter 4453616, Aiba 4412597, 4392542, Ishikawa et al 4169512.

7. Communication with USPTO/Examiner

Any inquiry concerning this communication, or others, should be directed to Ms. Lum at 703 305-0232, M-F, 9-6. If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, her supervisor, Ms. Lesley Morris is at 703 308-0629. Our fax number is 703 872-9306.

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